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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have chosen to have a competitive provider so there is more competition. Without competition the everyday quality diminishes because you have no alternative to the one choice. We do not need to pay more and more for the same equipment that has been in place for decades. Broadband is necessary to almost any aspect of everyone's life now. I use it for shopping, mailing, communicating with friends and family. I am disabled and have a hard time getting to stores and visiting my family so it is a quality of life issue for me. I live in a rural area and need to have choices to keep costs down and quality up. We should not be punished for not living in a large metropolis.

Thank you,

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